



## Washington State Legislature

January 26, 2012

Michele Leonhart, Administrator  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Attn: Administrator  
8701 Morrisette Drive  
Springfield, VA 22152

**Subject:** *Rulemaking petition to reclassify cannabis for medical use from a Schedule I controlled substance to a Schedule II*

Dear Administrator Leonhart:

We write in support of the petition that Governor Chafee and Governor Gregoire recently submitted to initiate rulemaking proceedings for the reclassification of medical cannabis (also known as marijuana) from Schedule I to Schedule II of the CSA.

We are also concerned that qualifying patients with serious medical conditions who could benefit from medical use of cannabis do not have a safe and consistent source of their medicine that has been recommended by a licensed health care professional in our state. The divergence in state and federal law creates a situation where there is no regulated and safe system to supply legitimate patients who may need medical cannabis. More to the point, it is clear that the long-standing classification of medical use of cannabis in the United States as an illegal Schedule I substance is fundamentally flawed and should be changed. The federal government could quickly solve the issue if it were to reclassify cannabis for medical use from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule II drug so that it can be prescribed, which we believe the petition provides substantiated peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support.

The solution lies ultimately with the federal government. We urge the DEA to initiate rulemaking proceedings to reclassify medical cannabis as a Schedule II drug so qualifying patients who follow state law may obtain the medication they need through the traditional and safe method of physician prescribing and pharmacy dispensing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles  
Washington State Senate – 36<sup>th</sup> District



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Senator Karen Keiser  
Washington State Senate – 33<sup>rd</sup> District

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Representative Roger Goodman  
Washington State House of Representatives – 45<sup>th</sup> District

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rodney Tom".

Senator Rodney Tom  
Washington State Senate – 48<sup>th</sup> District

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Representative Dave Upthegrove  
Washington State House of Representatives – 33<sup>rd</sup> District

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Representative Joe Fitzgibbon  
Washington State House of Representatives – 34<sup>th</sup> District

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Senator Maralyn Chase  
Washington State Senate – 32<sup>nd</sup> District



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Representative Jim Moeller  
Washington State House of Representatives – 49<sup>th</sup> District

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Senator David Frockt  
Washington State Senate – 46<sup>th</sup> District

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Representative Paul Harris  
Washington State House of Representatives – 17<sup>th</sup> District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margarita Prentice".

Senator Margarita Prentice  
Washington State Senate – 11<sup>th</sup> District

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Senator Nick Harper  
Washington State Senate – 38<sup>th</sup> District

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Representative Timm Ormsby  
Washington State House of Representatives – 3<sup>rd</sup> District



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Representative John McCoy  
Washington State House of Representatives – 38<sup>th</sup> District

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Representative Andy Billig  
Washington State House of Representatives – 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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Representative Sherry Appleton  
Washington State House of Representatives – 23<sup>rd</sup> District

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Senator Sharon Nelson  
Washington State Senate – 34<sup>th</sup> District

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Senator Ed Murray  
Washington State Senate – 43<sup>rd</sup> District

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Representative Marcie Maxwell  
Washington State House of Representatives – 41<sup>st</sup> District



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Representative Jeannie Darneille  
Washington State House of Representatives – 27<sup>th</sup> District

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Senator Debbie Regala  
Washington State Senate – 27<sup>th</sup> District

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Representative Jamie Pedersen  
Washington State House of Representatives – 43<sup>rd</sup> District

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Representative Chris Reykdal  
Washington State House of Representatives – 22<sup>nd</sup> District

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Senator Steve Conway  
Washington State Senate – 29<sup>th</sup> District

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Senator Andy Hill  
Washington State Senate – 45<sup>th</sup> District



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Representative Sam Hunt  
Washington State House of Representatives – 22<sup>nd</sup> District

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Representative Steve Tharinger  
Washington State House of Representatives – 24<sup>th</sup> District

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Senator Steve Litzow  
Washington State Senate – 41<sup>st</sup> District

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Representative Gerry Pollet  
Washington State House of Representatives – 46<sup>th</sup> District

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Representative Mary Lou Dickerson  
Washington State House of Representatives – 36<sup>th</sup> District

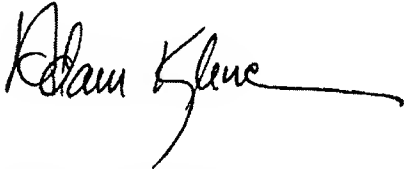
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Representative Laurie Jenkins  
Washington State House of Representatives – 27<sup>th</sup> District



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Representative Deborah Eddy  
Washington State House of Representatives – 48<sup>th</sup> District



Senator Adam Kline  
Washington State Senate – 37<sup>th</sup> District



Representative Cindy Ryu  
Washington State House of Representatives – 32<sup>nd</sup> District



Representative Eileen Cody  
Washington State House of Representatives – 34<sup>th</sup> District



Representative Judy Clibborn  
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Representative Cary Condotta  
Washington State House of Representatives – 12<sup>th</sup> District



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Representative Luis Moscoso  
Washington State House of Representatives – 1<sup>st</sup> District

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Senator Karen Fraser  
Washington State Senate – 22<sup>nd</sup> District

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Senator Joe Fain  
Washington State Senate – 47<sup>th</sup> District

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Senator Cheryl Pflug  
Washington State Senate – 5<sup>th</sup> District

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Senator Jerome Delvin  
Washington State Senate – 8<sup>th</sup> District

cc: The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States  
The Honorable Eric Holder, U.S. Attorney General  
The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
The Honorable Margaret Hamburg, M.D., FDA Commissioner  
The Honorable Chris Gregoire, Governor, State of Washington